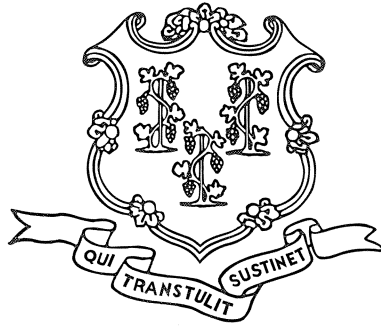


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut citizens of Hispanic heritage have made many contributions to the civic life, culture and economy of our State; and

*W*HEREAS, it is important to celebrate these contributions as well as the richness and diversity that the Hispanic community imparts to our state; and

*W*HEREAS, throughout Connecticut, local area Hispanic organizations have arranged celebrations to honor the people, contributions, culture and traditions of the Hispanic community in Connecticut during National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut's Hispanic Heritage Month will include banquets, cultural events, award ceremonies and many other opportunities for the residents of Connecticut to recognize Hispanic community leaders; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in celebration of the contributions of the Hispanic community to Connecticut, do hereby officially declare September 15, 2006, to October 15, 2006, as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor